

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace sheets 3-5 of the drawings with the attached replacement sheets 3-5. The replacement sheets incorporate the desired changes in the drawings, and each sheet includes all of the figures that appeared on the immediately prior version of that sheet.

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the first Office action in the present application. Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. In the Office action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-12, has rejected claim 13 and objected to claims 14-17. In view of the amendments above, and the remarks below, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and allowance of the pending claims.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Szabad (4,850,913) in view of Moran (5,116,269). Claims 14-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. By this amendment, applicant has canceled claim 14 and included the limitations set forth therein in amended claim 13. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the claims in the present application, namely, 1-12 and 13, 15-17 are allowable.

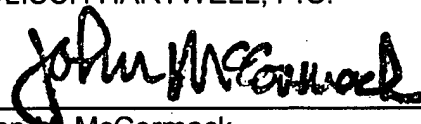
Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney of record.

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